

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

Our recipient this week is **Charly** (Y2) who understands how to show that he is sorry in line with our 'Statement to Live By'. Charlie understands that there will be times when we will all make a mistake, and when we do it is important both to say we are sorry and then show we are sorry through our actions. Congratulations Charly! Everyone is delighted and we are all proud of you!

Term 1 Smiley Scores

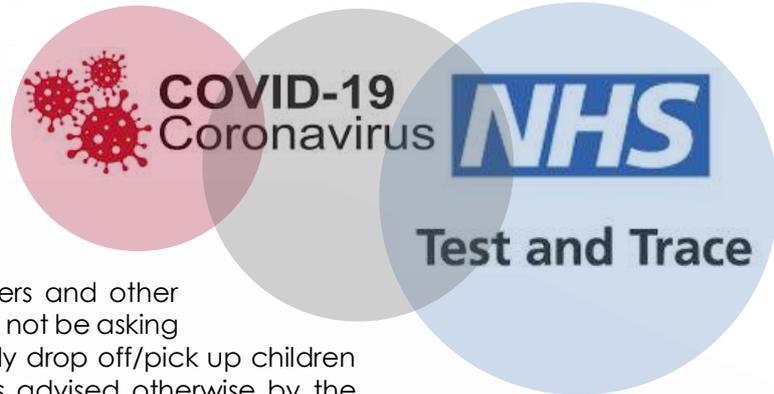
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COVID-19 Update

As part of our ongoing efforts to keep our school community as COVID-ready as possible we have taken the following steps this week...

NHS Test and Trace

We now have a school **QR Code** to support NHS Test and Trace for visitors e.g. contractors, visiting teachers and other multi-agency partners. In line with other schools we will not be asking parents, carers and others who come to school simply drop off/pick up children at either end of the school day to 'check in' unless advised otherwise by the government or public health authorities at some future point.



Please click [here](#) for more information about the NHS Test and Trace app (and [here](#) for the privacy notice detailing how the personal data of those who download and use the app will be collected and processed).

Updated Risk Assessment

Our comprehensive SJF COVID-19 risk assessment has been updated and we are now on version 8. Our risk assessment aligns closely to the template provided by Sheffield City Council and our city's Director of Public Health, Greg Fell and his excellent team. This is available from both the 'home Page' and 'News' section of our SJF website or by clicking [here](#).

Home Learning

Sadly, it is inevitable that from time to time children will need to isolate, either because they themselves have COVID symptoms or because they have been contact with someone who has.

Children who have COVID symptoms and are unwell will not have to engage with home learning until they are well enough. Children who are isolating but are well and do not have symptoms **will** be expected to engage fully with the home learning opportunities that we will provide.

Initially they will have an 'Isolation Pack' of learning activities. From the second full week they will be provided with a plan detailing links to online lessons and activities that will follow what their peers are learning in school whilst they are away.





Department for Education

We will do all we can to minimise the impact on children who have to isolate, and we will continue working hard to help those children who need help catching up because of the last lockdown. SJF home learning activities will be online and delivered through either (a) Microsoft Teams (guides available on the home page of our SJF website or by clicking [here](#)) or (b) our own 'SJF Home Learning Portal', accessible [here](#). The password remains **2020STJOHN**.

Our SJF Remote Learning Policy is available on the home page of our school website or by clicking [here](#) and further information about home learning, from the Department for Education, is available by clicking [here](#).

Forthcoming Events

Click [here](#) to link to our online calendar. Below is a summary of forthcoming events.

05-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS2 PE uniform all day • Meetings for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities with Mrs Hadfield
06-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 + Y2 PE uniform all day • Meetings for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities with Mrs Hadfield • FS2 Welcome Liturgy of the Word, supported by Y4 buddies - FILMING
07-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 + Y4 PE uniform all day • FS2 Welcome Liturgy of the Word, supported by Y4 buddies – FILMING • Class Liturgy led by SJF Chaplaincy Team
08-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 + Y6 PE uniform all day • FS2 Welcome Liturgy of the Word, supported by Y4 buddies – film available here • Reminder to order school lunches for the following week (or weeks) • Y2 Reading Workshop (details will be shared once confirmed)
09-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Assembly via Zoom to all classes, photographs available here
12-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS2 PE uniform all day • Assessment Point 1 (Years 1-6) – attendance is extremely important
13-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 + Y2 PE uniform all day • Assessment Point 1 (Years 1-6) – attendance is extremely important
14-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 + Y4 PE uniform all day • Class Liturgy led by SJF Chaplaincy Team • Assessment Point 1 (Years 1-6) – attendance is extremely important
15-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 + Y6 PE uniform all day • No Liturgy of the Word this week because it Assessment Point 1 • Reminder to order school lunches for the following week (or weeks) • Assessment Point 1 (Years 1-6) – attendance is extremely important
16-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Assembly via Zoom to all classes – photographs can be accessed here • Assessment Point 1 (Years 1-6) – attendance is extremely important • PTFA Bags2School drop off day.

Assessment Point 1

Please note that our first formal assessment point of the year will begin on **Monday 12th October 2020**.

This is important for helping us assess the effectiveness of the interventions we put in place at the beginning of the school year to support all children and particularly those needing additional help in order to reconnect with school life or catch up.

Attendance every day at school is always important, and especially during key assessment weeks.



SJF School Council Update

Here is a message from Mr MacInnes, Coordinator of our School Council:



Ahead of the whole school council meeting for the first time next week, the new Y6 Councillors convened to discuss plans and ideas. Here is a word from our Joint Secretary, Jacob, about the meeting:

"In our school council meeting on Thursday we talked about different things we could do to help the school and we decided which things should go on the agenda for next week."

Golden Children

- FS2** **Ava L** for being an absolute pleasure to have in our FS2 class and for always being kind and helpful and for settling in so beautifully!
- Y1** **Esma** for being organised and helping everyone in class! What a superstar!
- Y2** **Amelia** for always being so determined to succeed in any task and for being a wonderful friend to all of her classmates!
- Y3** **Jacob** for being incredibly sensible at swimming; showing great listening and trying really hard!
- Y4** **Priscilla** for setting a great example to others and for working hard and joining in with every lesson.
- Y5** **Alan** for always being polite, kind and a good friend to everyone in Year 5!
- Y6** **Jack** for asking really good questions and for being keen to offer answers to other people's questions. Jack also listens really well in class!

Writing Champions



PTFA News

Bags2School

The next 'Bags2School' collection will be on **Friday 16th October 2020**. Please bring in all your unwanted clothing so that the PTFA can exchange donated items in order to raise money for school. Please use your own plastic bags if you do not have the official ones. All unclaimed lost property will be donated to support our fantastic PTFA. If you can help email them on ptfa@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.



Attendance			
1 st	Y1		100%
1 st	Y3		100%
3 rd	Y2		99.3%
3 rd	Y6		99.3%
5 th	Y4		98.4%
6 th	FS2		98.0%
7 th	Y5		97.8%
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 99.0%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y2		93%
2 nd	Y6		91%
3 rd	Y3		89%
4 th	Y1		88%
5 th	Y4		81%
6 th	FS2		80%
7 th	Y5		73%
Average = 85%			

Average attendance over the first weeks of the school year has been strong so far, thank you. It will need to remain high if we are going to limit the impact of lockdown on our children and enable them to make up lost ground. Your continuing support to ensure that attendance across school remains high will be absolutely key!



Our Catholic Life

Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses and Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk/> .

SJF Chaplaincy Team Update

The team, supported by Mrs Barrett, will plan and coordinate weekly class liturgies starting from next week.

October Prayer

As October is the month of Mary our 'gathering' song will change to 'Ave Maria' and we have renewed the display in the Sacred Space and in the School Hall. We will share the Rosary and our prayer of the month is 'Hail Holy Queen'.

This is a traditional Catholic prayer to Our Lady is not said as often these days which is why we include it in our prayer programme.

If you would like to share the prayer as part of your prayer life at home here are the words are here

*Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
Thine eyes of mercy toward us,
And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.*

October Gathering Song (spoken at the current time)

Ave Maria,	As I kneel before you
Gratia plena.	As I bow my head in prayer
Dominus, te cum –	Take this day, make it yours
Benedicta tu.	And feel me with your love.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the children of **Y2** for leading our Liturgy of the Word this week. Next week our youngest children in **FS2** will take part in a special Welcome Liturgy supported by their **Y4** buddies.

Normally this special liturgy is a joyful whole-school celebration; a happy and formal welcome to our youngest children and their families. However because of COVID-19 restrictions it will have to be scaled back slightly this year - though it will still be very special. We will notify FS2 parents/carers as soon as the film is available on the website which you will also be able to access by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

This will take place on Friday in the classrooms. It will not be recorded. Photographs of the recipients of awards etc. will instead be published in the Class Zone on the SJF website, which you can reach by clicking [here](#).

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Fr Bede, our new Parish Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church would like you to know that registration is now open for children who would like to make their (i) First Holy Communion and/or (ii) Confirmation next year. Please check out the 'News' section of our SJF website for more information or click [here](#).

Naming Possessions

Please ensure that your child's clothes and belongings are all labelled clearly with their name. This includes bags, lunch boxes and water bottles and even shoes, so that items are easily identifiable if they are lost or get mixed up with another child's things. This is especially important at the current time.

Inevitably a number of children have the same items as their friends and other children in their class and we want to avoid children picking up and using someone else's possessions. Thank you for your continuing cooperation and support.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2020

See It Like a Poet

SJF National Poetry Day 2020

FS2

To celebrate National Poetry Day the children of FS2 have been learning some traditional poems. We now know a poem about shoes, a basket of apples and mice!

Check out our class page hear us sharing them by clicking [here](#).

We also wrote our own class poem about different animal sounds. Everyone had lots of fun making lots of great noise!

Y1

The young people of Y1 listened to a poem about Autumn and did some movement work related to different lines in the poem, for example: 'Leaves don't just fall-they whirl...'. When they heard this line the children whirled around their space! They all really enjoyed putting actions to the words in each line!

Y2

For National Poetry Day, the young people of Y2 created their own Kennings based on Pete McKee's 'Frank'. The children worked really hard to make fantastic verb choices and thought really carefully about how to make it sound interesting. Here is one of their creations:

A quiet dreamer,
A biscuit stealer,
A skinny hunter,
A speedy runner,
A cheeky chaser!

Y3

This week for National Poetry Day the Y3 pupils explored performance poetry and considered how we can use drama and our voices in order to project characterisation within our poems. We put everything into action as we performed a couple of verses from the 'Little Red Riding Hood' poem by Roald Dahl!

Y4

The children have been creating poems in the style of William Blake's 'The Tyger'. The children tried really hard to use rhyming couplets. You can see some of our work by clicking [here](#).

Y5

To celebrate National Poetry Day in Y5, we read poems by CS Lewis, Hilaire Belloc and Roald Dahl. We also wrote our own poems about Earth & Space and Ancient Egypt (our Science and History topics this term). To write our poems we used an 'a,a,b,b' rhyme scheme.

Y6

In Y6, we looked at a variety of poems including some old classics such as 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat' and 'Tyger, Tyger'. We also listened to more modern poems and had a giggle at the poem the teachers recited to us! We listened to a poem story book called 'The Cow Tripped Over the Moon and other Nursery Rhyme Emergencies.' Afterwards we had a go at writing our own versions to give to the FS2 children.

Achievements outside of School

Please send details of any of your children's achievements out of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and they will be included in the newsletter. It does not matter what the achievement is, nor does it matter whether it is big or small. If it is important to your child I will share the good news and celebrate it!



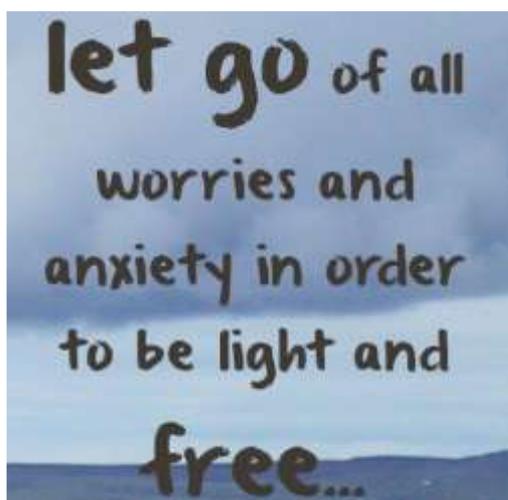
This week's achievements are:

- **William** in **Y1** has earned a Rainbow Distance award and certificate for managing to swim 10 metres! William has been very busy and was also received the 'Star Dancer' award at his street dance class! Congratulations on your amazing achievements William!
- **Charlie F** in **Y2** was chosen to be 'Man of the Match' for his fantastic performance in Greenhill U7's match against Norton Woodseats which ended up in a 3-3 draw. Well done Charlie, a great result!
- **Daniel** in **Y5** is part of the Sheffield Ice Hockey Academy and has received the prestigious 2019-2020 'Coach's Player of the Year' award! Congratulations Daniel on this fantastic achievement, well done!

Term 1 Curriculum Overviews

Please click [here](#) to access the Term 1 Curriculum Overviews. Thank you.

Statement to Live By



Next week our 'statement to live by' is "**I can say how I feel.**"

Time to talk: Why is it important to share worries and say how you feel?

Does it ever help to 'bottle them up'? Why?

It is very important to remember that we each have the right to feel happy, safe and loved in our lives – at school and at home – every single day.

At St John Fisher we learn, all the time, that we must 'Tell! Tell! Tell!' if we ever have a worry ball.

Who would you choose to tell?

A final thought...

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

W B Yeats

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

